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INDICTMENTS RETURNED IN HAMMOND FEDERAL COURT

Hammond, Indiana- The United States Attorney's Office announced that the following Indictments were returned on October 20, 2011:

- Darrell Walton, 40, of Valparaiso, Indiana, was charged in an Indictment with being a felon in possession of a firearm. These charges were filed as the result of an investigation by Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives HIDTA Task Force. This case has been assigned to and will be prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Nicholas Padilla.
- Darcell Perkins, 25, of Gary, Indiana, was charged in an Indictment with being a felon in possession of a firearm. Perkins has a prior felony conviction for attempted residential entry. These charges were filed as the result of an investigation by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives HIDTA Task Force and the Gary Police Department. This case has been assigned to and will be prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Dean Lanter.
- Brandon Lee, 22, of Gary, Indiana, was charged in an Indictment with being a felon in possession of a firearm. These charges were filed as the result of an investigation by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives HIDTA Task Force, the Indiana State Police, and the Gary Police Department. This case has been assigned to and will be prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Dean Lanter.

The specific sentence in each case to be imposed upon conviction will be determined by the judge after a consideration of federal sentencing statutes and the Federal Sentencing Guidelines.

The United States Attorney's Office emphasized that an Indictment is merely an allegation and that all persons charged are presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty in court.